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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

GRUBER *et al.*

Appl. No.: 09/076,115

Filed: May 12, 1998

For: **Methods for Production and
Purification of Nucleic Acid
Molecules**

Art Unit: ^{3A} ~~1643~~ 1653

Examiner: (To be Assigned)

Atty. Docket: 0942.4350001/RWE/BJD

Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In advance of prosecution in the above identified matter, please amend the application
as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 30, 34,
37, 38, 39, 46, 47, 48, 50 and 52, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter
contained therein.

Remarks

No new matter has been added by these amendments. Applicants have canceled the
above-noted claims solely to reduce the number of excess claims.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that are otherwise
provided for in the accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are